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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box Patent Application (35 U.S.C. 111) Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before the issuance of the first Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4-6 as follows:

4. (Amended) Method according to claim 1,

wherein for said rough estimation on accepting/rejecting the utterance a rough and/or simple confidence measure (CMU) for the entire utterance (U) is determined.

6.

5. (Amended) Method according to claim 1, wherein said reanalysis of the received utterance (U) is based on a sentence analysis, in particular based on a grammar, syntax, semantic analysis and/or the like.

(Amended) Method according to claim 1,

wherein a thorough estimation is made on whether or not said extracted keywords and/or key-phrases are accepted or rejected.

<u>REMARKS</u>

Claims1-8 remain in the application. Claims 4-6 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. Attached hereto is a marked up version of the changes made to claims 4-6 by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made." The filing fee has been calculated based upon these amendments to the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the claims:

- 4. (Amended) Method according to <u>claim 1</u> anyone of the preceding claims,
 wherein for said rough estimation on accepting/rejecting the utterance a rough and/or
 simple confidence measure (CMU) for the entire utterance (U) is determined.
- 5. (Amended) Method according to <u>claim 1</u> anyone of the preceding claims, wherein said reanalysis of the received utterance (U) is based on a sentence analysis, in particular based on a grammar, syntax, semantic analysis and/or the like.
- 6. (Amended) Method according to <u>claim 1</u> anyone of the preceding claims,
 wherein a thorough estimation is made on whether or not said extracted keywords and/or
 key-phrases are accepted or rejected.